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SUBJ: UNCTAD - SCHEDULE OF COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 156607, (B) STATE 159749

1. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED JULY 26 LETTER FROM UNCTAD SYG
GAMANI COREA REPLYING TO MISSION'S JULY 2 LETTER STATING U.S.
POSITION ON PRODUCER/FORUMS AND COPPER CONSULTATION.
MISSION LETTER MADE POINTS IN REFTEL A (PARA 1, LAST TWO
SENTENCES; PARA 2, FIRST SENTENCE; PARAS 3, AND 4) AND
REFTEL B. ALTHOUGH COREA'S LETTER HAS LARGELY BEEN OVER-
TAKEN BY EVENTS, WE TRANSMITTING TEXT BECAUSE IT MAY SERVE
AS BASIS FOR FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM.
WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO COREA'S APPARENT
REJECTION OF IDEA THAT CONSULTATIONS ON RUBBER SHOULD TAKE
PLACE WITHIN THE IRSG.

2. TEXT OF LETTER:

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DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF 2 JULY, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR CONVEYING THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ON THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE TO FOLLOW UP UNCTAD RESOLUTION 93 (IV).

THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES TO WHICH YOU REFER ARE THOSE THAT THE CONFERENCE, IN PARA. 4 OF SECTION IV OF THE RESOLUTION, HAS REQUESTED ME TO CONVENE IN CONSULTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED. THE CONFERENCE HAS ALSO REQUESTED ME, IN PARA. 6 OF SECTION IV OF THE RESOLUTION, TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SERVICING OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND THE SUBSEQUENT COMMODITY NEGOTIATING CONFERENCES, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE SECRETARIATS OF THE SPECIALIZED COMMODITY BODIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN CONSULTING WITH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA ON THE TIME-TABLE FOR PREPARATORY MEETINGS, AND I HAVE ALSO INFORMED OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE SPECIALIZED COMMODITY BODIES, OF THE CONTENT OF THE RESOLUTION. CONSULTATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD. I EXPECT THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, I SHALL SHORTLY BE ABLE TO NOTIFY GOVERNMENTS OF ARRANGEMENTS.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR COMMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE GROUP HAS WRITTEN TO ME TO SAY THAT A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED THE VIEW DURING THE MEETING IN JUNE, THAT THE GROUP WAS OBVIOUSLY THE BEST FORUM FOR ANY DISCUSSION OF THE SCHEME WHEN THIS WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. MY REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING REPORTED THAT THESE VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED BY A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CONSUMER MEMBERS. WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS CO-OPERATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE GROUP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNCTAD RESOLUTION.

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR ENQUIRY ON COPPER MEETINGS, I AM CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO MEET THE REQUEST OF THE COPPER CONSULTATION, IN THE LIGHT OF RESOLUTION 93 (IV), AND I SHALL, OF COURSE, LET GOVERNMENTS KNOW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THIS COMMODITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YOURS SINCERELY, GAMANI COREA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD.

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